

WEST MOORS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Virtual **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING** held on Thursday 25th March 2021 via Zoom at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr K Wilkes – Chair			
Cllr Mrs R Burke	Cllr A Clarke	Cllr D Green	
Cllr M Hawkes	Cllr Mrs C Holmes	Cllr S Linford	
Cllr Mrs N Senior	Cllr D Shortell	Cllr C Way	
Cllr A Willats	Cllr Mrs P Yeo		

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs Judi Weedon (Clerk to the Council)
Dorset Councillor M Dyer

APOLOGIES: None

613 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
None

614 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS – LOCALISM ACT 2011 – DISPENSATIONS FROM SECTION 31(4)
None

615 TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25th FEBRUARY 2021.
Having been circulated, the minutes on pages 2628-2650 were agreed and adopted. Minutes to be signed by the chairman at a later date, due to coronavirus restrictions.

616 TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND SIGN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

- a. **The Report of the Planning Consultative Committee** held on the 4th March 2021 pages 2651-2652 as circulated, was confirmed and adopted. Minutes to be signed at a later date due to coronavirus restrictions.
- b. **The Report of the Environment Committee** held on the 4th March 2021 pages 2653-2654 as circulated, was confirmed and adopted. Minutes to be signed at a later date due to coronavirus restrictions.
- c. **The Report of the Finance and GP Committee** held on the 11th March 2021 pages 2655-2658 as circulated, was confirmed and adopted. Minutes to be signed at a later date due to coronavirus restrictions.
Recommendation 612d was RESOLVED. Voting: unanimous

617 TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT

- a. Annual Town Meeting: This has now been advertised on Facebook and the Council website.
- b. Area behind the skatepark has now been cleared and flattened ready for tree planting later in the year.
- c. Skatepark Funding: this matter is ongoing, a decision from the National Lottery fund is due by the end of April for a grant of £75,000
- d. Dorset Local Plan Consultation: The agreed response was submitted on the 4th March; confirmation of receipt was received. WMTC response has been posted on our website. Dorset Council have received 32140 comments from 6673 organisations and individuals in response to the consultation.
- e. No applications have been received for Jean Ware Legacy Award for 2020, the award has been readvertised.
- f. Asset Transfer: Correspondence has now been received from Dorset Council about the ongoing asset transfers.
- g. Travellers: On Thursday 18th March some travellers arrived in Park Way car park. All the relevant authorities were informed immediately.

618 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

It was

RESOLVED that the accounts for payment be approved as attached on page 2662 of these minutes. (Cllr's Hawkes and Wilkes to authorise the electronic payments)

Voting: unanimous.

619 MEETING SCHEDULE JUNE 2021 to JUNE 2022

Members discussed a draft meeting schedule for 2021/22. After consideration it was

RESOLVED that the meeting schedule for 2021/22 as shown on page 2663 is approved.

Voting: unanimous.

620 CORRESPONDENCE FROM CORFE MULLEN TOWN COUNCIL

Members discussed a request from Corfe Mullen Town Council to see if there was any appetite by Town and Parishes in East Dorset to challenge the Dorset Council Local Plan, with a view to pursuing a judicial review.

After debate it was

RESOLVED that West Moors Town Council could not support Corfe Mullen Town Council in challenging Dorset Council in regard to the Local Plan.

Voting: unanimous

621 DORSET COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr's Shortell and Dyer written report contained information on the footpaths in Highfield Road, which are in a poor state of repair and have been scheduled into the programme of works for 2021/22 and issues on the Castleman Trailway with cyclists, quotes are being sought for the installation of a barrier where the Castleman Trailway leaves Arnold Road and meets Newcombe Road/Mary Lane. A copy of the written report is available from the Council Office.

The Dorset Councillors were asked if they knew where the proposed new household recycling centre in East Dorset would be, Cllr Dyer stated that a site had not yet been agreed.

The Dorset Councillors were asked if Dorset Council were going back to County Hall from South Walks House, they confirmed that this would be happening.

622 INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS

- a) Cllr A Clarke reported that the Health Walk Leaders were meeting to see how the walks can resume safely.
- b) Cllr Mrs C Holmes reported that the Climate Emergency Working Party are going to be launching a Garden Competition.
- c) Cllr M Hawkes reported on his attendance at the DAPTC Eastern Area meeting. Cllr Hawkes commented that the WMTC Climate Emergency Plan was well received and that the DAPTC have requested a copy of a good example of what to do.
- d) Cllr C Way reported on his attendance at the DAPTC Eastern Area meeting and the discussion about the Dorset Local Plan consultation during the meeting with a common theme that there was a lack of understanding of the East Dorset area.

623 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Correspondence from a resident about the poor mobile phone signal and broadband service in West Moors. Cllr Shortell stated that he would investigate the broadband provision with Dorset Council.
- b) Citizens Advice Bureau merger: East Dorset and Purbeck CAB are merging from the 1st April.
- c) Local Council Review magazine – Issue 1 2021
- d) Email from a resident about the work on the BMX area and how this area could be utilised in the future as a dog training area. Also, about the lack of consultation with residents on such projects. Members noted the comments and will consider the idea

of a dog training area on land behind Brookview once the land officially belongs to the Town Council.

- e) Letter received by all Councillors from a resident displeased with the Dog Related Public Space Protection Order now in force at Fryer Field. Members considered all the comments in the letter but felt that the PSPO was the right thing for the Fryer Field in order to protect the health and safety of the clubs/businesses who pay to use the field. Clerk to respond to resident.

624 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED:- that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it was likely that if Members of the Public were present during discussion, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information and they therefore be excluded from the Meeting in accordance with Section 1, subsection (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

Voting: Unanimous

Cllr D Shortell left the meeting.

625 COUNCIL OFFICE AND STAFFING

Confidential minutes page 109-111 refers.

RESOLVED that the Council office would remain closed and the matter be rediscussed at the April Council meeting.

Voting: 9 for, 2 against

It was further

RESOLVED that Councillors would resume Saturday Opening after the 12th April. Clerk to arrange rota.

Voting: unanimous

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 21.10 hrs

The next virtual meeting of the Town Council will be held on 29th April 2021 at 19.30hrs

SIGNED DATE
Chair

Payments made/authorised in between meetings			
Payment method	Invoice amount	Invoice date	Details
EB 26.03	£3,469.31	16.03.21	Staff Salaries – Month 12
Total	£3,469.31		
Payment list dated 25.03.21			
Payment method	Invoice amount	Invoice date	Details
EB 30.03	£1,000.51	16.03.21	HM Revenue and Customs – Tax and NI – Month 12
EB 30.03	£1,095.98	16.03.21	Dorset Council Pension Fund – Month 12 - Pension Contributions
EB 30.03	£78.00	11.03.21	DAPTC – Important Planning Concepts training – Cllr's Holmes and Green
EB 30.03	£250.00	15.03.21	Myra Wells – Covid-19 Grant award
EB 30.03	£150.00	15.03.21	West Moors Townswomen's Guild – Covid-19 Grant award
EB 30.03	£150.00	15.03.21	Women's Institute – Covid-19 Grant award
EB 30.03	£468.00	18.03.21	Steve Collins – Sunken gullies repair in Fryer Field car park
EB 30.03	£857.04	20.03.21	Terrafirma – Lengthsman duties Oct '20 – Feb '21
EB 30.03	£504.19	07.03.21	Terrafirma - Cemetery work, gravel on driveway
EB 30.03	£480.00	07.03.21	Terrafirma – Tree work at Fryer Field, remove fallen trees
EB 30.03	£150.00	20.03.21	Terrafirma – Repairs at Pavilion, new external loft access door
EB 30.03	£3,132.00	21.03.21	Terrafirma – make level/regrade BMX track as per approved quote
Total	£8,315.72		
Direct Debit and Debit Card payments			
Payment method	Invoice amount	Invoice date	Details
DD 21.03	£58.60	06.03.21	OPUS- Council office electricity 06.02 to 05.03.21 -estimated
DD 25.03	£74.09	01.03.21	1 st Connect – Office phone and broadband 01-03 to 31-03-21
DC 15.03	£29.99	15.03.21	Serenata Flowers – Flowers for Cllr Yeo
DC 23.03	£17.28	23.03.21	eBay – 2 x combination padlocks - one for Oakhurst Play Area and one spare
Total	£179.96		

Meeting Schedule 2021/22

	Council	Finance & General Purpose	Environment	Planning Consultative
May 2021	20th**	27th	6th	6th & 27th
June	24th		17th	17th
July	29th	8th	22nd	8th
August	26th			5th
September	30th	9th	2nd	2nd & 23rd
October	28th			14th
November	25th	11th	4th	4th
December	16th			2nd
January 2022	27th	20st	13th	6th
February	24th			3rd
March	31st	10th	3rd	3rd & 24th
April	14th* & 28th			21st
May	19th**	26th	5th	12th
June	30th		23rd	2nd & 23rd

* Annual Town Meeting

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